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Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Report
March 2020

May 4, 2020

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

May 4, 2020

Clerk of the Legislature
Legislative Fiscal Office
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk of the Legislature and Legislative Fiscal Office:

In accordance with LB 294 (2019) please find attached a report on Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of March 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Nate Watson, JD and Cert Legis Prac, Deputy Director for Policy and Regulations, at nate.watson@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JB", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachments: 2

Medicaid Expansion Programs 249 (Administration) & 349 (Aid)

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care (MLTC), provides the following update regarding Medicaid Expansion Administrative and Aid policy decisions for the calendar month of March 2020:

Through March, CMS continued its review of Nebraska's section 1115 demonstration waiver. CMS advised Nebraska that it will likely not approve an 1115 waiver that changes retroactive Medicaid coverage. As such, retroactive coverage will continue to be available to all Medicaid beneficiaries up to three months prior to the month of the Medicaid application. CMS also sent Nebraska additional questions on the 1115 waiver application, which the state responded to in April.

Medicaid made progress in defining procedures to assist medically frail adults who will be covered by expansion. For individuals who self-identify as needing assistance with activities of daily living or want to be assessed for meeting the definition of medical frailty, MLTC Eligibility Operations will send information about how to be designated as medically frail after the individual is determined Medicaid-eligible. Medically frail individuals will receive Prime benefits.

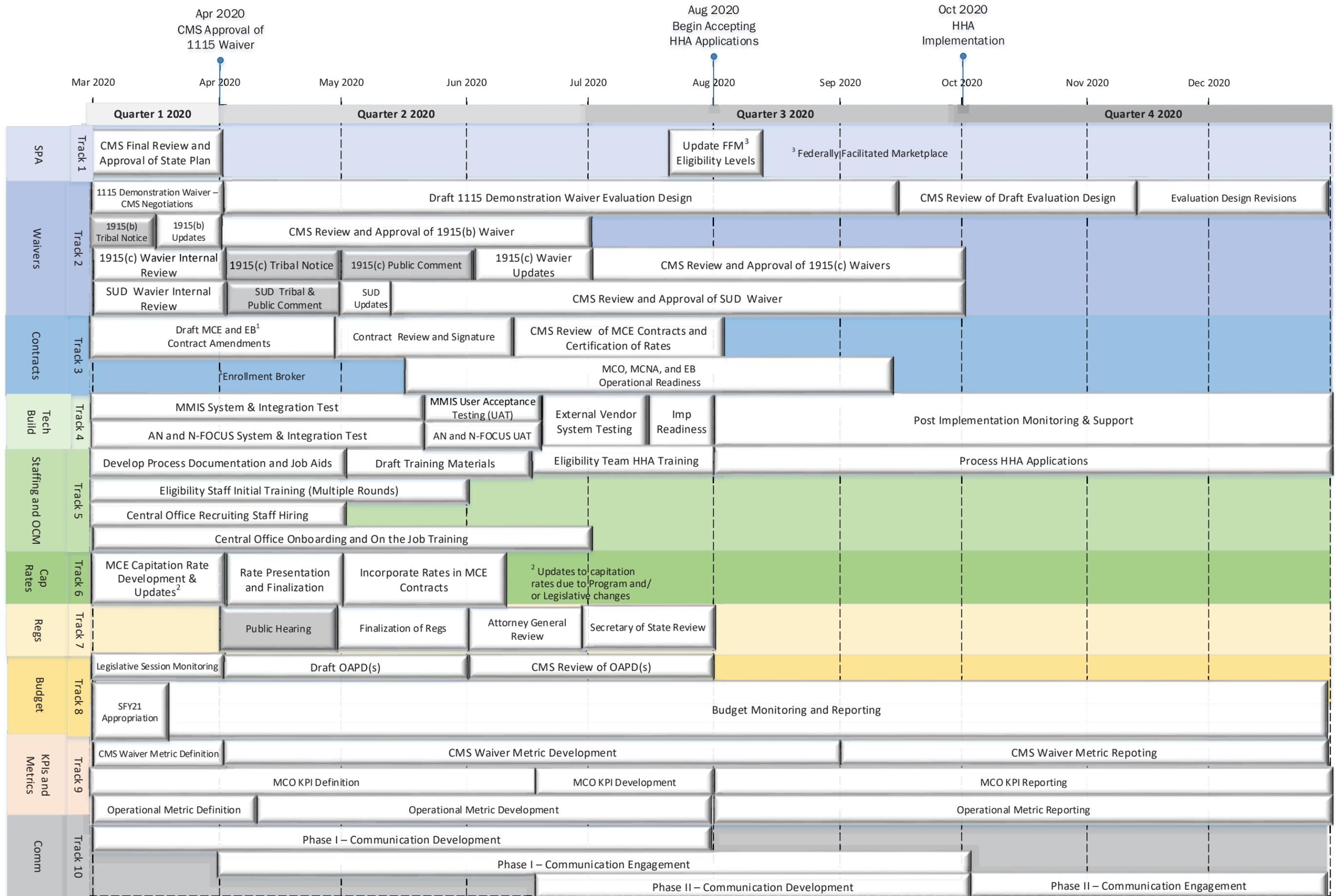
Capitation rates for the Heritage Health managed care organizations were developed and presented to the plans on March 26. Additionally, MLTC continued working on the final draft of the plans' contract amendments to include the new adult population, associated rates, and operational and program requirements.

Discussions continue and are ongoing with our federal and Nebraska partners. Implementation remains on track for October 1, 2020. Changes to the state's implementation plan for Medicaid expansion will be discussed in next month's report.

Please note, the attached timeline was the applicable timeline through March 2020.

Heritage Health Adult Implementation Plan Timeline

02/21/2020



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